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Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Coming to Midtown Detroit

June 5, 2018 (Detroit) – Detroit Rising Development, LLC (DRD) announced today a plan to construct a 44,000 square foot building for a multi-screen movie theater complex in Midtown Detroit. The Detroit Water & Sewerage Department recently received multiple offers to purchase the vacant land, which sits just west of Woodward and south MLK Boulevard. This site is centrally located and accessible to major bus routes and the QLine.

Today, the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners will vote on the \$1.5 million sale of the three parcels, located at 90, 102 & 114 Stimson, with the intent to move them to a tax revenue generating purpose and fill a gap in Detroit's entertainment landscape. Proceeds from the sale will be applied to a fund that will improve the regional water and sewer system.

"Selling the Stimson property will benefit Detroiters through job creation and tax revenue for city services, and it will also help DWSD pursue new programs such as hiring Detroiters to work on water and sewer main improvements," said DWSD Director Gary Brown.

The proposed development would house a unique nine-screen, first run theater operated under a long term lease by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, built in the model of their Brooklyn and Austin locations.

Also recently announced within a few blocks of the site is the West Elm Hotel & store; new mixed-use developments near Mack and Woodward; and multiple parking decks. Renovation of the historic Hamilton residential property is underway across from the site. "Our goal is to continue the development of Midtown, building a safe, walkable district with exciting new commercial options. We think this could be a key part of that narrative," said Jonathan Hartzell, CEO of DRD, LLC.

Ronnisch Construction Group is currently working with architects on feasibility studies for the site. Construction is anticipated to begin by year end with opening scheduled for first quarter 2020.